

## **Application Checklist for a Demolition Permit. What needs to be on the plans:**

- ☐ The address of the property and the name of the owner of the property.
- ☐ A statement of the reason for the demolition.
- ☐ The date of initial construction and the date(s) of any substantial additions or alterations to the structure.
- ☐ The person or company responsible for the demolition.
- ☐ The square footage of the structure to be demolished.
- ☐ A site plan showing the property with the structures to be demolished and what structures will remain on the property.
- ☐ A description of the principal use of the structure or the last use permitted by a certificate of occupancy for the structure.
- ☐ Description of the safeguards to be provided to protect the public during and following demolition, including documentation of the treatment of asbestos by submitting a copy of the form provided to Pima County Department of Environmental control titled Demolition/renovation asbestos

NESHAP exemption. The work of demolishing any building shall not be commenced until pedestrian protection is in place as necessary and as may be required by code.

- ☐ Description of the provisions to ensure that all building debris, trash, junk, dead organic materials, rodent harborage, combustible material, and any other material that may constitute a threat to public health and safety will be removed from the site no later than thirty (30) days after demolition.
- ☐ The date for completion of the demolition.
- ☐ An inspection by DSD after the demolition has been completed will verify that the property has been stabilized in a manner that will provide protection from safety and environmental hazards, including but not limited to stabilization of the soil to prevent erosion or dust. The inspector must be provided documentation that the disconnection and capping of all utilities has been provided for following demolition.
- ☐ The demolition permit application is available at the Development Services Department at 201 N. Stone Avenue or you can download it from our web site at <http://www.tucsonaz.gov/dsd>



## **How to Get a Demolition Permit in the City of Tucson**



**Development Services Department  
201 N. Stone Avenue  
Tucson, Arizona  
(520) 791-5550**

### **Why do I need a demolition permit?**

The City of Tucson requires permits for the demolition of any structure, such as existing residential, commercial, or industrial buildings, to insure the safety and health of the public during and after the demolition of the structures. The permit process provides a review of proposed demolitions to address environmental concerns, safety issues or historic value of the proposed structures to be demolished.

### **When is a demolition permit required?**

No structure in the City of Tucson may be demolished or demolition started without first obtaining a demolition permit from the Development Services Department (DSD). A demolition permit is not required for partial demolition work performed in conjunction with remodeling, alteration, or repair of a structure for which plans have been reviewed and approved and a permit issued by DSD for the proposed work.

### **How do I get a demolition permit?**

An application for a demolition permit can be made at the Development Services Department at 201 North Stone Avenue between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. The owner of the property or their legal representative must submit a completed application and plans containing the information listed on the Demolition

Application Checklist (on back page) to DSD.

### **How much does the demolition permit cost?**

The cost is based on the total square footage of the structure to be demolished. Typically for a residence, the cost does not exceed \$100.00. Commercial or industrial structures are higher.

### **How long does it take to get a demolition permit?**

Permits for demolition of a residential structure can be issued the same day if the structure is not within a Historic Preservation Zone or the Historic Core of the City of Tucson. If the structure is within a Historic Preservation Zone or more than 45 years old and in the Historic Central Core then the review can not be done the same day and the application and plans must be submitted for review. This review can take from 30 to 45 days.

### **What is the Historic Central Core of the City of Tucson?**

The “Historic Central Core” is the area that comprised the city limits for the City of Tucson as of October 6, 1953. Any demolition in the Core shall be reviewed to determine whether the building, structure or building service provides historic or architectural resources in its original setting,

placement and appearance that is important to the preservation of the history of the City’s development and character. Any demolition of a building, structure or building service that is wholly or partially more than forty-five (45) years old within the Core must have a separate Historic Central Core review and approval prior to issuance of a demolition permit.

### **What is the Historic Preservation Zone in the City of Tucson?**

This zone is intended to ensure the retention of early structures and to keep them in active use and in their original appearance, setting, and placement. It is also intended that new or remodeled structures, located within historic districts, be designed and constructed to harmonize with structures located within the immediate vicinity, in order to preserve property values, provide for future development, and promote an awareness of the heritage of Tucson among both residents and visitors to the community.